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Amateur Photography.

Any one who goes in for photography in a small way will encounter vexations and failures which seem quite mysterious at the time, but which are easily avoided in the light of experience, says "Photo Era."

Perhaps the first serious problem is the proper length of time for exposure of plates. The best way in which to solve this puzzle is to expose a number of plates one after the other, on the same subject, giving each one a different length of time. By keeping a record of each exposure, the correct time will be readily learned on developing the negatives. It will be best to begin with rapid plates and learn to use one brand before trying others. Slow plates will be readily understood when the rapid ones have been mastered.

An imperfect understanding of the term "dark room" will account for many failures, causing by fogging the plates. The developing room must be absolutely dark before the color light is introduced. A cheap lamp, and one that is safe to work by, may be made from a wooden starch box with one side cut out and the opening covered with postoffice paper. Any stationer will supply this paper.

To obtain ventilation, a tin can cover, with the back side cut away, may be fitted into a hole cut in the top of this improvised lamp; and small holes cut in the bottom will complete the draught. A candle inside will furnish a satisfactory light. Although this light is safe, it is always best to hold the tray out of the circle of light while developing, and to move it to the light only occasionally for inspection. Clear, brilliant negatives will be obtained by observing these precautions.

Toning is an operation which is beset by many pitfalls, of which red spots and uneven toning are perhaps the most troublesome. The combined bath is convenient, but there is a belief among the old hands that prints toned by this process are not permanent. The beginner who expects to take more than a passing interest in photography should adopt the separate gold bath at once. This bath should be mixed some hours before using, otherwise the gold will not be evenly mixed with the water, and the result will be uneven toning, and red spots will likely appear upon the prints.

Cleanliness is a matter of great importance at this stage of photography. Grease is a mighty enemy, and a greasy spot on a print will not take the gold, but will remain red when finished. The Artista Platino paper is especially susceptible to this agent; and, if the hands perspire, it will be wise to wear white cotton gloves while handling this paper. Before toning, wash out the trays with a strong solution of bicarbonate of soda, which will remove any possible grease; and one other safeguard is a

little carbonate of soda in the first wash water.

Large trays should be used for toning, so that the prints may be moved about freely, to insure even toning. A serviceable tray may be made from a soap box, or other wooden box, by lining it with table oil cloth. If the enamel is intact, the tray will be water-tight and will last indefinitely.

There is a foolish impression that prints must be finished the full size of the negative, with the idea of getting all there is in the picture. But how unwise it would be to include a corner which is fogged, or a part of the picture which is so uninteresting as to detract from the beauty of the finished work; A 5x7, or larger negative, will often be worthless in its full size, but may be trimmed to, perhaps, 4x5 size and yield a gem.

In mounting photographs, consideration should be given to the harmonious effect of the tint ensemble, and a card should be chosen which will be so unobtrusive that the eye will rest at once upon the picture. The effect of several shades of mounts should be tried before deciding. A large mount will generally set off a picture much better than one which gives only a narrow margin.

"Yankee Dam, West Va."

Pittsburgh Times: Albert Nelson, of Yankee Dam, West Virginia, is at the Seventh Avenue hotel. Mr. Nelson laughingly commented last night on the astonishment of the average hotel clerk when he for the first time reads the name of that city on the register. Mr. Nelson said the town received its name in a peculiar manner. The little city is located on one of the smaller tributaries of the Ohio which traverse the state of West Virginia. Shortly after the war when the prosperous town was only a hamlet with a few houses and was yet awaiting a name, a syndicate of northern capitalists, in a small way, purchased land and began the erection of a mill. At the same time, the building of a dam across the small stream was begun to furnish power. The dam and the mill were finished at about the same time. The mill was placed in operation, just before the spring freshet. After the freshet, there was a mill, but no dam. The swollen stream had sent the dam down the Ohio, and it is believed that it is still somewhere in the Gulf of Mexico. The men of the north with money, but with no knowledge of southern streams, were disgusted and discouraged and abandoned the place after selling the mill for a song. Since that time the town has been known as "Yankee Dam." The ballistics boasts but one church and one minister. The clerical gentleman is not pleased with the name of the place and has all his mail addressed to "Yankee Dam." He gets his mail regularly.

Artificial Sight.

A Russian inventor has perfected an electric appliance, which he claims will enable the blind to see. This will bring much happiness to those who have defective eyesight. Another great discovery which will bring much happiness to those whose stomachs have become deranged, is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It has made a world wide reputation for itself as a certain cure for such ailments as indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, biliousness, and malaria, fever and ague.

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The Loan Exhibition, under the auspices of the City Hospital and for its benefit, it is now assured will be the greatest undertaking for Sweet Charity ever attempted in this city, not even excepting the Sanitary Commission fair during the civil war. It holds the boards through Dewey Week, beginning Monday, February 19, and closing Saturday, February 24, and will be at home in the Hawley block, corner of Tenth and Main streets, than which no more satisfactory location could have been secured. It seems almost providential that this ideal location was made available for the function. The building is to be given a thorough cleaning, and when the booths and decorations have been installed the appearance of the place will have changed miraculously—as though a modern Aladdin had come to Wheeling in this prosaic age at the behest of Charity.

The press committee, of which Dr. Frank Hupp is the very efficient chairman, held a meeting yesterday afternoon and discussed methods of advertising the "big show." It was decided to issue a lot of printed matter, including posters to be distributed at all the railroad stations within a certain radius, and to use in profusion street signs, streamers, etc., to be thrown across streets, on prominent buildings and on the street cars.

The catalogue, a publication of several hundred pages, is to be in the hands of the printer February 1.

It has been decided to place the general admission at twenty-five cents; luncheon at twenty-five cents; admission to art gallery gallery at fifty cents. The art gallery, by the way, will be something well worth visiting. Among other features will be a painting which Mr. O. C. Dewey purchased at a New York sale several years ago for \$10,000. Another is a Stuart painting of George Washington, loaned by Mr. T. C. Morris. A sword of George Washington, will also be exhibited. But, when it comes to enumerating articles, a task without end is imposed—and one must see to appreciate anyway.

MORE COFFEE FACTS.

Study the Question Yourself.

"When the doctor said 'no more coffee,' I was dismayed, for as an ardent lover of coffee and a crank in the matter of its preparation, I had grown to believe that life was not worth living without it, but the dull stupidity and the almost daily headache so interfered with my profession (literature) that I was compelled to seek the doctor's advice."

"I saw an improvement from the start; but missed my morning beverage and felt a great lack. It was at the home of a friend and Postum apostle, Mrs. —, of Lonsdale, that I tasted my first Postum. Her family had sworn by it a year or more, and declared themselves from the least to the greatest benefited by its use."

"I was surprised to find it really palatable, and determined that I could improve on it myself. I purchased a box, and as we all do, on the first trial, made a lamentable failure of it through insufficient boiling, and the Postum was poked away on an upper shelf, until the oft-repeated newspaper statements made me determine to try it again, with long boiling."

"I took twenty-five minutes to prepare it, about ten minutes to bring it up to a boil, and then allowed it to boil steadily for fifteen minutes, and from the first sip, I was enthusiastic over the new beverage, and even wanted a second cup. It has never palled upon me, morning or night. Nothing could induce me to go back to the berry coffee."

"The change Postum has wrought in me seems little short of miraculous. For the first time in many years, I am really well, my color has freshened, headache has not visited me for many weeks, and my ability for work has returned with all its old zest. I shall never cease to be grateful for what I feel is a remarkable cure, due to nothing more than Postum Food Coffee, in place of the oft-rebbed berry."

"Sincerely yours," Mrs. R. B. Tallman, Centredale, R. I.

Made Her Account Good.

New York Commercial-Advertiser: It was only a dainty little note from a woman depositor, but it caused a gentle ripple of merriment among the accountants and tellers of an uptown bank. The institution caters to women, and the president has often remarked that the women depositors were in some respects more careful in their business methods than the men.

A few days ago the discovery was made that the account of one of the women depositors had been overdrawn a few dollars. The usual notification in such cases was sent to the depositor, with the request that the account be made good. A prompt and polite reply was received from the delinquent. She apologized for the overdraft, thanked the bank officers for informing her of the fact so courteously—and inclosed her check on the same bank for the amount of the overdraft. It is needless to say that an explanatory note was sent to this depositor reminding her that an overdraft was not a credit to be drawn upon.

ACCIDENT OR DESIGN?

How William Prescott Came to His Death to be Settled by a Coroner's Jury To-day—Three Varying Stories Told.

A week ago it leaked out that William Prescott, who lived near Mount de Chantal, had been shot, either accidentally or by design. At the time it was stated to have been an accident, and the authorities made no investigation. Later, when Prescott's condition became serious, he was taken to the City Hospital, where he died yesterday morning. He was shot in the leg, below the thigh.

There are three stories out relating to the occurrence that ended fatally yesterday. One is that the deceased shot himself while taking a revolver from a dresser drawer. Another is that he was accidentally shot by his daughter, and the third that Prescott taxed his daughter with having disgraced herself and family by marrying a foreigner, and that the woman fired the fatal shot.

Sheriff Richards was informed of the stories in circulation, and he in turn communicated with County Coroner Schultze, who decided to hold an inquest this morning, at which the truth will probably develop.

"MUSTER-IN" TO NIGHT.

Wheeling's Military Company Will Become Company A. in the First Regiment of the National Guard.

This evening at 8 o'clock, First Lieutenant George E. Gramm, quartermaster of the First Regiment, West Virginia National Guard, will muster-in the members of Company A, the new Wheeling military company. The ceremony will take place in the chamber of commerce rooms, Hub building, corner of Fourteenth and Market streets. Several new members have signed the muster roll, and it is thought an increase in the membership will be allowed. Many young men, not yet on the muster roll, will be at the muster-in to-night, hoping to be admitted. It is hoped they can all get in.

All who can will call at the office of C. E. Morris, 1503 Chapline street, during the day. The mustering officer will be there and he wishes to make out as many enlistment papers as possible before evening. Measurements for uniforms will also be taken.

The adjutant general has issued the commissions of the captain and first lieutenant of the company, as follows: Captain—John P. Glass. First Lieutenant—C. E. Morris. The company will elect the second lieutenant, an office for which there are several aspirants.

IN MEMORIAM.

George O. Riegel.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Ohio Valley Trades and Labor Assembly:

Whereas, The Almighty God has been pleased in His wisdom to remove from our midst Brother Delegate George O. Riegel, representative of Painters and Decorators' Union No. 91, and

Whereas, The Assembly feels that it has lost a faithful delegate in his death; therefore, be it

Resolved, That while we bow to the will of our Heavenly Father, we sincerely deplore the loss of our departed brother, and extend to his relatives and friends our condolence; and be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to our deceased brother's local of Painters and Decorators' No. 91, to his relatives, and also be spread on the minutes of the Ohio Valley Trades and Labor Assembly.

J. C. BOES,
L. W. SELVEY,
JOHN J. BYRNE,
Committee.

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BIRTHS.

WILLIAMS—At Plattsburgh Barracks, New York, on January 19, 1900, to wife of Major Charles A. Williams, a daughter.

DIED.

HILDRETH—On Sunday evening, January 28, 1900, at 5:30 o'clock, MIRIAM SHRIVER, daughter of E. M. and Nannie Russell Hildreth, in her 13th year.

Funeral from the residence of her parents, National Road, near Park station, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Friends of the family respectfully invited to attend. Interment private at Greenwood cemetery. A special motor will leave corner Twelfth and Chapline streets at 2:35 p. m.

LANDER—At Benwood, W. Va., on Monday, January 29, 1900, MRS. MARY A. LANDER, in the 98th year of her age. Funeral services at her late residence Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment private at McMechen cemetery. (Pittsburgh papers please copy.)

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10.....	for 7 " " " " " " " " " "	828	of 867.15	for 1,000	for 1,000
11.....	for 6 " " " " " " " " " "	1,013	of 1,049.04	for 1,100	for 1,100
12.....	for 5 " " " " " " " " " "	1,225	of 1,240.95	for 1,200	for 1,200
13.....	for 4 " " " " " " " " " "	1,465	of 1,442.86	for 1,300	for 1,300
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15.....	for 2 " " " " " " " " " "	2,055	of 1,846.68	for 1,500	for 1,500
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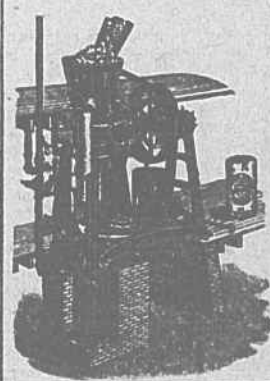
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